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VIRGINIA T. LODGE
COMMISSIONER

October 16, 2008

Dear Drop-In Child Care Provider:

We recently sent you information about the personal safety legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2008. As mentioned in the previous letter, the legislation directed the Department to enact this requirement by public necessity rule. Enclosed is a copy of the public necessity rules that became effective on October 1, 2008.

The public necessity rules are only temporary, so the Department has also filed a notice of rulemaking to permanently incorporate these personal safety rules into the current child care rules. A copy of the notice of rulemaking is enclosed. Please note that the notice of rulemaking includes information about public hearings that will be held on this proposed change to the rules. The hearings will be held in November. A copy of the public hearing schedule is included on the back of this letter.

In an effort to conserve resources we did not include the signature pages with either of the enclosures, but the enclosures contain the full content of the public necessity rules and the amendments.

Furthermore, a complete copy of the public necessity rules and the notice of rulemaking can be found on the Department's website: <http://state.tn.us/humanserv/rules/ruleregs.htm>

If you require any additional information about these proposed changes to the rules, please contact your Licensing Program Evaluator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Virginia T. Lodge", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Virginia T. Lodge
Commissioner

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Enclosures: Public Necessity Rules (3 pages front & back)
Notice of Rulemaking (4 pages front & back)

Notice of Rulemaking Public Hearing Schedule:

Location	Day / Date	Time
Citizens Plaza Building 2 nd Floor Boardroom 400 Deaderick Street Nashville, TN 37243	Monday, November 17, 2008	6:30 PM
Cookeville District Office 1000 England Drive, Suite B, Cookeville, TN 38501	Tuesday, November 18, 2008	6:30 PM
Knoxville State Office Building Conference Room A, 7th Floor, 531 Henley Street, Knoxville, TN 37902	Tuesday, November 18, 2008	6:30 PM
Lowell Thomas State Office Building 2 nd Floor Conference Room B, Ste 210 225 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Jackson, TN 38301	Wednesday, November 19, 2008	6:30 PM
Chattanooga State Office Building 1st Floor Auditorium 540 McCallie Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37402	Wednesday, November 19, 2008	6:30 PM
Donnelly J. Hill State Office Building 2 nd Floor Auditorium 170 North Main Street Memphis, TN 38103	Thursday, November 20, 2008	6:30PM
Tennessee Department of Human Services Conference Room 103 E. Walnut Street Johnson City, TN 37601	Thursday, November 20, 2008	6:30 PM